



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending September 2, 2012, there was a reported 6.1 days suitable for field work. **Box Elder County** reported favorable weather conditions with warm days and cool nights. Scattered Thunderstorms came through on Friday night and Saturday. Rainfall amounts varied from .94 to .25 of an inch. More rain is needed to restore soil moisture so fall planting can get underway. **Cache County** reports that conditions improved some during the week when a welcome rain storm passed through the valley. Moisture was received in **Duchesne County** this past weekend, which will help to reduce the effects of the drought, but considerably more is needed to reverse the effects of the drought. **Iron County** reported rain almost daily which continues to improve range conditions.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County farmers continue to irrigate corn, alfalfa, and stubble fields under the Bear River Canal System. Cutting and baling of 3rd crop alfalfa is winding down. Some dairy producers have indicated that they will start to chop silage corn this week. The crop is mature and they are ready to put it into their silage pits. In **Cache County** conditions are still too dry for planting dry farm winter wheat. Some wheat has been planted on irrigated land. Corn for silage is almost ready to chop. Spider mites continue to be a problem in some areas where insecticides were not used earlier. Alfalfa hay is yielding well and the quality is also very good. Safflower is almost ready to harvest too. In **Iron County** many producers are hauling hay off of their fields for disposal because it couldn't be harvested and stored due to the rainy conditions. **Utah County** reports that peaches seem to be coming on about two weeks early. **Wayne/Piute Counties** report that continual rains are hurting the forage crops. Some forage oats have been in the windrow for 3 weeks and are still too wet to bale. **Weber County** reports that corn silage harvest appears to be three weeks earlier than last year. Yields are expected to be about normal.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers are very concerned about the lack of fall feed on pastures, because of the dry conditions, and may have to cull their herds this fall. Hay prices are just under \$200 per ton which makes it very costly to feed cattle. **Cache County** livestock producers continue to be concerned about having sufficient fall grazing. Dairy producers are somewhat relieved to see a bit of an increase in milk prices. **Duchesne County** reports that many producers are trying to decide what they should do with their cow herds because of the effect of the drought. **Morgan County** reports that ranges are very dry and feed is scarce. Cattle will be brought off the range early unless some substantial rain occurs in the next two weeks. **Wayne/Piute Counties** report that fall and some winter ranges are in excellent condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 2, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	95	94	85	88
Oats Harvested (Grain)	84	83	64	71
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	97	93	97	98
Corn Dough Stage	66	56	30	58
Alfalfa Third Cutting	84	83	40	55
Peach Harvested	45	33	28	44

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 2, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	11	24	41	23	1
Corn	0	4	21	54	21
Sheep	0	1	19	73	7
Cattle/calves	0	3	25	63	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 2, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	21	41	38	0
Subsoil	26	36	38	0
Irrigation water supplies	29	31	40	0
Stock water supplies	18	37	44	1